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**OWASIPPE LEADERSHIP a program guide for 1963**









Heart of Mid-America

# CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Dear Scoutmaster,

You and your troop are now preparing for one of the great camping experiences available to Scouts in America. At the Chicago Area Council summer camps you will find it possible for your troop to carry out the ultimate objectives of Boy Scout Camping. The Chicago Area Council has endeavored to provide every facility to insure the success of your plans.

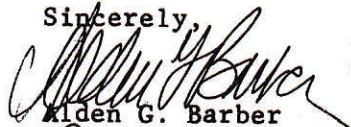
You will find this "Program Planning Guide" a great help as you and your troop committee with your junior leaders plan your camp program. Careful preparation will contribute to a successful troop program at camp.


THE CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL SUMMER CAMPS DO NOT PLAN, OPERATE OR DICTATE YOUR TROOP'S CAMP PROGRAM. PROGRAM IDEAS, OPPORTUNITIES & FACILITIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE FROM WHICH YOU AND YOUR SCOUTS CAN CHOOSE AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO MEET YOUR TROOP'S NEEDS. YOUR SCOUTS' HAPPINESS AND SATISFACTION AT CAMP ARE DEPENDENT ON ADVANCE PROGRAM PLANNING.

As indicated in this guide, our camp coordinating meetings will be held on June 3, 4 and 5 at the Valley View Training Center. This meeting provides an opportunity to answer any questions you may have which are not answered in the following pages. We urge that you make every effort to attend the meeting that pertains to the camp which you will attend.

If you have any further questions or a problem needing special attention, the Council's Camping Service is ready to be helpful to you. Your constructive suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Alden G. Barber  
Scout Executive

  
Donald E. Rylander  
Assistant Director of Camping Services





The top leader on a long-term camp must be an adult (21 years of age). In most cases the committee will be able to secure the services of their regular Scoutmaster. Topflight, trained leadership is a prime committee responsibility, and will be paramount to the success of your camp.

If your regular Scoutmaster can't go, you can secure good and able leadership from among the following:

1. Assistant Scoutmaster (21 years of age)
2. Committee members or dads\*
3. Other interested men in the institution\*

\*All must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

#### **TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE**

Many committees have been very successful in arranging for two leaders to go to camp. Many problems of coverage are solved in this way. Both men have more fun, and the

operation is more efficient. One leader can attend camp free for each eight Scouts attending a full period. Assistant leaders must be at least 18 years of age.

#### **TRAINING IS IMPORTANT**

If your camp Scoutmaster is untrained, he should take the first opportunity to attend a district Basic Training course, and should arrange to take part in several troop hikes and camps during the remaining spring months.

#### **TROOP LEADER COUNCIL**

The Troop Leader Council consists of: patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders, senior patrol leaders, and junior assistant Scoutmaster.

#### **TROOP AND PATROL ORGANIZATION**

Since summer camp is the most important event of the Scouting year, it is vitally important that all members of the team partici-

pate. Every effort should be made to be certain that key boy leaders will be along. Here is the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the senior patrol leader, patrol leaders and other officers to function 24 hours each day. Natural patrols in troops should be kept intact as nearly as possible, even if unbalanced in numbers. Stick by your guns with your regular organization and "boy leadership" will develop in your troop.

#### **DAILY ROUTINE**

In addition to regular leadership assignments, certain daily functions and activities should be planned far in advance, and assignments and scheduling arranged. Keep in mind that, where camp facilities and/or staff are needed, assignment of specific times for such activities must wait until the precamp coordinating meetings held during the first week of June.

# **troop and leadership organization**



# timetable for adventure

By now your troop has completed its basic plans for camp. The committee is organized along the line suggested in the "Unit Committee Carries Its Fair Share" brochure, the Camper Savings Plan is under way, your campsite reservation is in, and you have selected your camp leadership.

This check list should be helpful from here on in: Check off as accomplished . . .

## THREE MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE: (APRIL-MAY)

- \_\_\_ 1. Scoutmaster gives each Scout final instructions and health history-medical examination form.
- \_\_\_ 2. Scoutmaster supplies each Scout with personal equipment list in final instructions.
- \_\_\_ 3. Committee checks with parents of all Scouts not yet signed up.
- \_\_\_ 4. Scoutmaster begins program planning procedure for camp.
  - a) Each Scout's ideas for program.
  - b) Patrols' and troop's program wants.

## ONE MONTH BEFORE DEPARTURE: (MAY-JUNE-JULY)

- \_\_\_ 1. Scoutmaster holds camp planning meeting with Troop Leader Council.
  - a) Plan final camp program.
  - b) Review equipment check lists.
- \_\_\_ 2. Inventory troop's waterfront needs—non-swimmers, swimmers, and merit badge goals.
- \_\_\_ 3. Remind all Scouts of dates, arrangements, departure time, luggage requirements, lunch en route.

\_\_\_ 4. Precamp session with member of district camp committee.

\_\_\_ 5. Attend camp coordinating meeting which will be held at the Valley View Training Center on the following dates:

Monday, June 3—Beard

Tuesday, June 4—Stuart-Kiwanis

Wednesday, June 5—Blackhawk-Wilderness

Periods 1 to 4—7:00 p.m.

Periods 5 to 8—8:30 p.m.

## TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- \_\_\_ 1. Scribe and Scoutmaster complete camp roster sheets.
- \_\_\_ 2. Troop treasurer pays balance of camp fees due.
- \_\_\_ 3. Purchase bus tickets, if needed—at Council Service Center, 9 W. Washington St., Chicago.
- \_\_\_ 4. Check on final transportation arrangements.
- \_\_\_ 5. Inventory equipment—arrange transportation to camp for troop tentage and extra gear.

## ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPARTURE

- \_\_\_ 1. All Scouts' and leaders' physical exams are completed.
- \_\_\_ 2. Scoutmaster holds final Troop Leader Council.
- \_\_\_ 3. Troop committee meets to tie up loose ends.

## ONE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

- \_\_\_ Medical inspection is held for all Scouts and leaders.







## COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION:

For units unable to provide their own transportation, bus transportation is available through the Camping Service upon final payment of your camp fee. *Council bus transportation will operate only on the opening and closing day of each regular camp period.*

School buses, provided by a reputable firm of school bus operators, will be used again this year. Buses will leave from central boarding points in the city (one in each service area) at 7:30 a.m. sharp on the opening day of each period. Buses returning from camp will unload at the same locations. Returning buses will arrive on the closing Saturday of each period, at approximately 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

Scouts traveling on the Council chartered buses will be limited to one bedroll and one standard suitcase or packsack. Trunks and footlockers are not permitted on the chartered bus.

You will receive baggage tags at the time of ticket purchase. All baggage must be marked with *name, troop number, and camp.*

Round-trip fare from Chicago to Owasippe is \$9.00. One-way fares are not available.

All tickets must be purchased at the Camping Service *one week before the trip.* Full refunds on tickets purchased will be allowed provided the tickets are turned in at the Camping Service by 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the opening day of the camp period. *No refund will be allowed after the above deadline.*

## PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

The distance from Chicago to Owasippe is 225 miles. The roads are good, passable in all weather. Where possible we suggest that troops provide their own transportation to camp, either by private auto or by chartering a bus from a reputable company.

Providing your own transportation will enable you to select your own boarding and unloading points in Chicago at a time most convenient for you, and may result in less cost to the unit.

Plan to check into your camp between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the Saturday that your period begins. A staff man will meet you upon arrival and assist with the check-in procedure.

## MEALS

The Saturday evening meal will be the first meal provided for incoming units. We suggest for units riding the bus and units who will arrive in camp early that you bring bag lunches from home for the noon meal.

## FEES

All fees are due and payable at the Camping Service before the unit leaves for camp.

## FORMS

Your unit scribe should, on arrival at camp, have all of the following information ready to check with the camp clerk:

- Troop roster completed.
- Completed health blank for each camper.
- All receipts for camp fees paid at Camping Service.
- Troop funds to pay for any fees still due.



# Camp staff

The staff at Owasippe has been chosen from experienced camp staff personnel. Our program of training younger staffers to take over when the older staff retires has paid off in the courteous group of mature young men now employed. They know their job is to help the unit leader in every way possible, that you may have a complete program.

In addition to a camp director, service staff and aquatic staff (watermaster), each camp has a commissioner staff. One of these commissioners is assigned to your unit. He serves your unit in the same manner as a commissioner back in the city. He will help you arrange your special program features—hikes, canoe trip, campfire programs, etc. Your commissioner's most important responsibility in camp is to ensure a successful camping experience for your unit.

The watermaster is in charge of all aquatic facilities. Swimming, lifesaving, canoeing, rowing, merit badges, canoe trip instruction and special fishing and swim periods on the waterfront come under his guidance.

The camp director sees to it that the commissioner and watermaster services are all accomplished.

Food is served by an efficient caterer, assuring well-rounded meals, properly prepared in sufficient quantities.

A radio network ties all outlying areas together with the Administration Center.







### HEALTH LODGE SERVICE

For your unit's protection, a resident physician and registered nurse are available at the camp health lodge. A medical inspection within 24 hours of the Scout's arrival in camp protects all campers against exposure to communicable or infectious diseases.

Most accidents and minor illnesses are efficiently handled by the health lodge staff, and special arrangements for treatment of more serious cases requiring hospitalization may be made with the hospital in Muskegon, Michigan. Simple first aid is provided in each section camp.

Campers who remain overnight for observation in the camp health lodge are furnished dining hall meals which are charged to the unit account where these meals are not a part of the Scout's fee.

### CAMP INSURANCE

All registered campers and registered leaders are covered by a Camper Health and Accident Policy for the period of their stay in camp. It is therefore necessary for every camper and leader to be checked in and out at the camp office. Claims are automatically filed by the camp administration for all illnesses and accidents requiring extra medical care not provided in the camp health lodge. *Every illness or accident must be reported to the health lodge immediately to receive this*

*insurance coverage.*

Medical expenses incurred after leaving camp, due to an accident or illness taking place at camp, must be submitted immediately to the Council Camping Service for clearance with the insurance company.

### NO PETS

Of any kind are permitted on camp property. The Council camp committee asks that all units be sure to inform their people of this State Board of Health regulation.

### A MEDICAL INSPECTION

Of each camper (Scout, Scouter, or family camp resident) within 24 hours of arrival in camp, is a prerequisite to admittance to camp. *Note: Health check privilege is available to units again this year . . . explained on following page.*

### YOUR OWN UNIT'S PROTECTION

*Should Begin With These Items:*

**Daily Health Inspection** of each Scout's person and quarters. *This is a responsibility of each unit leader.* Early detection insures prompt care.

**Daily Bathing** — personal cleanliness is the number-one item in the prevention of illness. There is no substitute for soap and water. Infections and troublesome skin eruptions such as poison ivy can be avoided with a daily Fels-Naptha bath for the entire unit.



# health check privilege

## GENERAL STATEMENT:

A "health check" or medical inspection on the day of a Scout's arrival in camp has been a vital part of our camp health and safety program for many years. It has provided a necessary final check on a Scout's physical fitness for camp, and has been an important deterrent to the spread of any infectious or communicable diseases.

In the early days of Owasippe when we were camping with only a few hundred Scouts, the recheck at camp was a relatively simple matter; however, with the increase of our camp enrollment to more than a thousand boys per period, and with the difficulty of securing additional doctors to assist the camp physician in this "peak load" opening day operation, the problems and annoyances associated with this health check at camp have multiplied. Units have had to stand in long lines awaiting this service, and their program of activities, particularly swimming, have been necessarily delayed or curtailed until the second day of camp.

It has been apparent that this health check at camp resulted in real hardship, disappointment and inconvenience to the Scout, his leaders, and parents when the recheck discovered a physical condition which made it necessary to refuse his admittance to camp, and to require his return to Chicago.

With these thoughts in mind, the Council Health and Safety Committee has decided that units will have the option of applying for the privilege of conducting a "health check" at their troop headquarters one day—*Not More than 24 Hours . . .* in advance of their arrival at Owasippe.

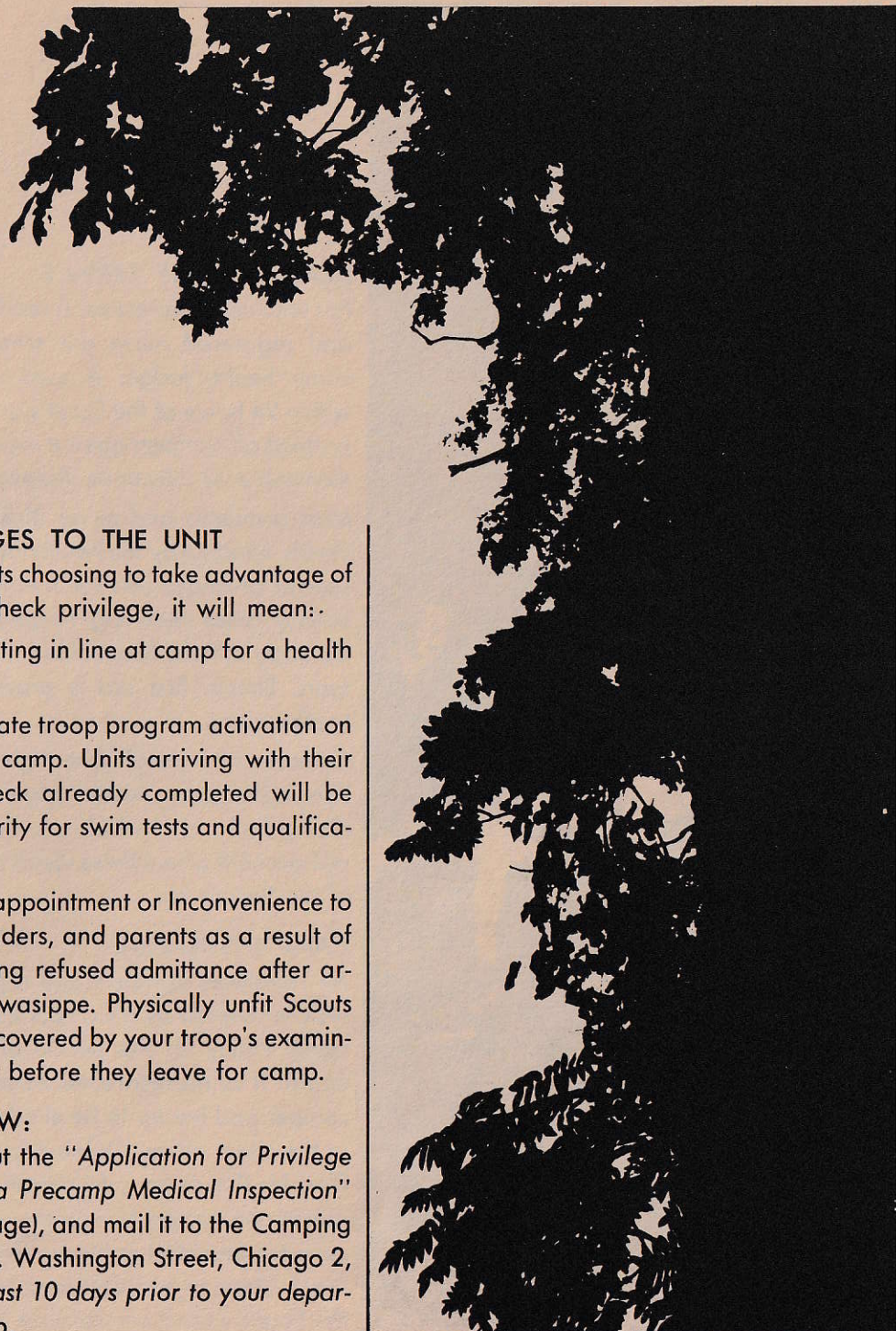
## ADVANTAGES TO THE UNIT

For those units choosing to take advantage of this health check privilege, it will mean:

- 1—No waiting in line at camp for a health check.
- 2—Immediate troop program activation on arrival at camp. Units arriving with their health check already completed will be given priority for swim tests and qualification.
- 3—No Disappointment or Inconvenience to Scouts, leaders, and parents as a result of Scouts being refused admittance after arrival at Owasippe. Physically unfit Scouts will be discovered by your troop's examining doctor before they leave for camp.

## HERE'S HOW:

Simply fill out the "Application for Privilege to Conduct a Precamp Medical Inspection" (following page), and mail it to the Camping Service, 9 W. Washington Street, Chicago 2, Illinois, at least 10 days prior to your departure for camp.







# application for pre-camp medical inspection

To: Chicago Area Council Health and Safety Committee

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsoring Institution

Please be advised that our unit desires to take advantage of the privilege to conduct a Pre-camp Medical Inspection prior to our arrival at Owasippe Scout Camps on

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period No. \_\_\_\_\_

If we are granted this privilege, we

1 — Agree to provide a Precamp Medical Inspection by a licensed medical doctor, for our Scouts, not more than 24 hours prior to arrival at Owasippe Scout Camps.

2 — Understand that this Precamp Medical Inspection is to be a "health check" only as indicated on the standard Scout and Explorer Medical Form #4126 and is not a substitute for the medical examination to be conducted by the Scout's family physician.

3 — Will provide the camp, on arrival, with a completely filled out Medical Record Form #4126 for each Scout, leader and family camper, properly signed by both the family physician and medical doctor conducting the Precamp Medical Inspection.

We have arranged to have Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

conduct this medical inspection for us. He is a licensed medical doctor in the State of Illinois. Please send him the necessary authorization and instructions at the above address.

This Medical Inspection will be conducted:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster or troop committee chairman

Note: This application must be received at the Scout Service Center at least 10 days prior to the unit's departure for camp if the unit is to qualify for this privilege.





# religious observances

Religious observances and services are held as follows:

Catholic Mass—Masses offered each Sunday.

Protestant services—Sunday service in each camp.

Jewish services—service each week in camp.

Exact times of all religious services will be published at the beginning of each camp period.

## CHAPLAINS OF THE VARIOUS FAITHS

Five or more chaplains are in camp throughout the summer. All Scouts are encouraged to attend religious services each Sunday. Arrangements may be made for special services, rest hour conferences, chats, story telling and "Reverend's Hour." Catholic Mass is usually said each morning at each end of the Owasippe camp.

## TRAINING

Will be available to boys nominated by units who wish to have mature leadership in semi-religious camp observances such as campfires and mealtime grace.

## RELIGIOUS AWARDS

Can be a valuable part of your program at camp. Each of the camp chaplains is available to work with your Scouts on these projects. Information and material for these awards are available at camp.

## AT YOUR REQUEST

The chaplain will write back home to pastors about their boys. This may be helpful to you in your relationship with your sponsoring institution. Encourage your Scouts to bring their Bible or prayer book to camp as a part of their personal equipment.



# general information

## LEADERS AND BOYS IN TOWN

We discourage boys going or being taken to town for any other than the most essential reasons. No boy is to be permitted in town after taps with or without leadership. No exceptions should be requested. When it is necessary for boys and leaders to be in town, their conduct should exemplify the very best of Scouting.

## CHECKOUT WHEN LEAVING CAMP

Scouts and leaders must check out of camp with the director. It is the only way of knowing where our people are in an emergency. Who knows when a phone call may come for you, or a lost-swimmer drill occur?

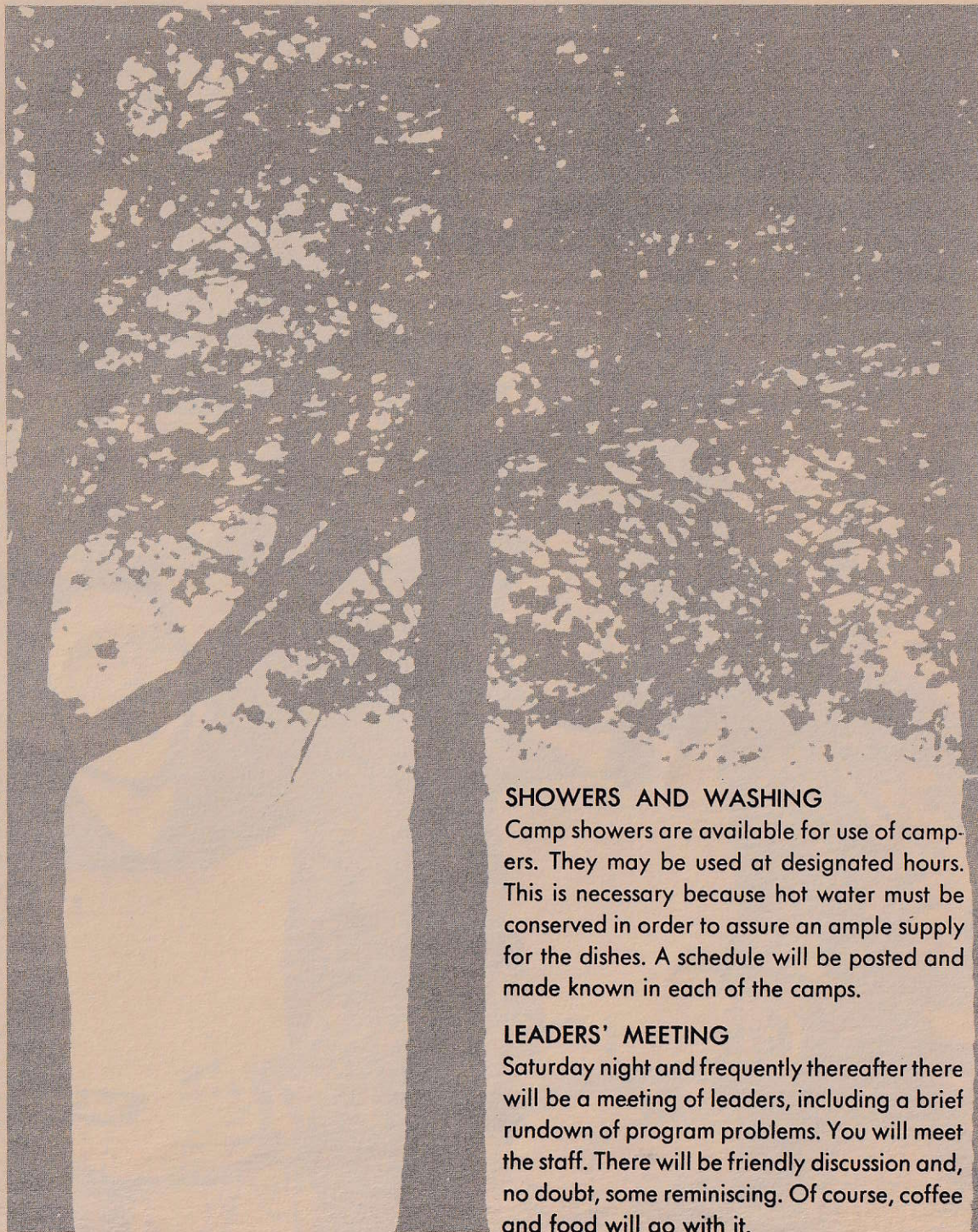
## SMOKING

We don't believe in masking the fact that our leaders smoke. It is a natural and common thing to which the boys are accustomed; however, we do feel there is a time and place for it. We do not smoke, therefore, in the dining hall or at any campwide gatherings. It is preferable that, occasion permitting, you smoke in your tent or along the trail.

## DIETARY LAWS

We are unable to serve kosher foods; however, units that have this requirement may plan Lone Troop operations and do their own cooking. This is the ideal method of Scout camping.

Kosher Trail Kits are available upon request at camp.



## SHOWERS AND WASHING

Camp showers are available for use of campers. They may be used at designated hours. This is necessary because hot water must be conserved in order to assure an ample supply for the dishes. A schedule will be posted and made known in each of the camps.

## LEADERS' MEETING

Saturday night and frequently thereafter there will be a meeting of leaders, including a brief rundown of program problems. You will meet the staff. There will be friendly discussion and, no doubt, some reminiscing. Of course, coffee and food will go with it.







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PATROL

UNIT

PERIOD DATES

## CAMP SITE

NO

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE

**TROOP  
OFFICE**

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REMARKS

UNIT LEADER

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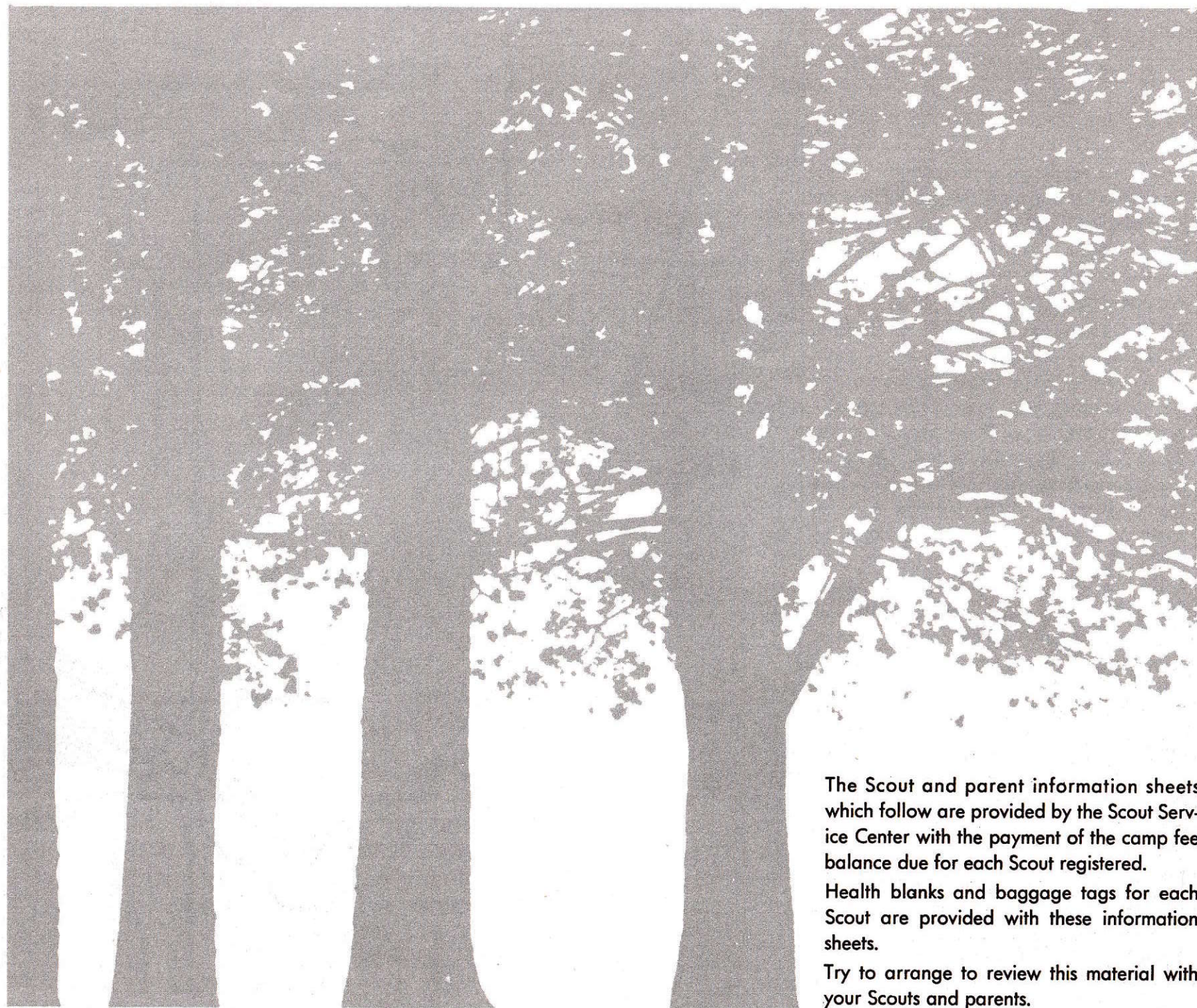
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UNIT LEADER

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The Scout and parent information sheets which follow are provided by the Scout Service Center with the payment of the camp fee balance due for each Scout registered.

Health blanks and baggage tags for each Scout are provided with these information sheets.

Try to arrange to review this material with your Scouts and parents.



# driving to owasippe

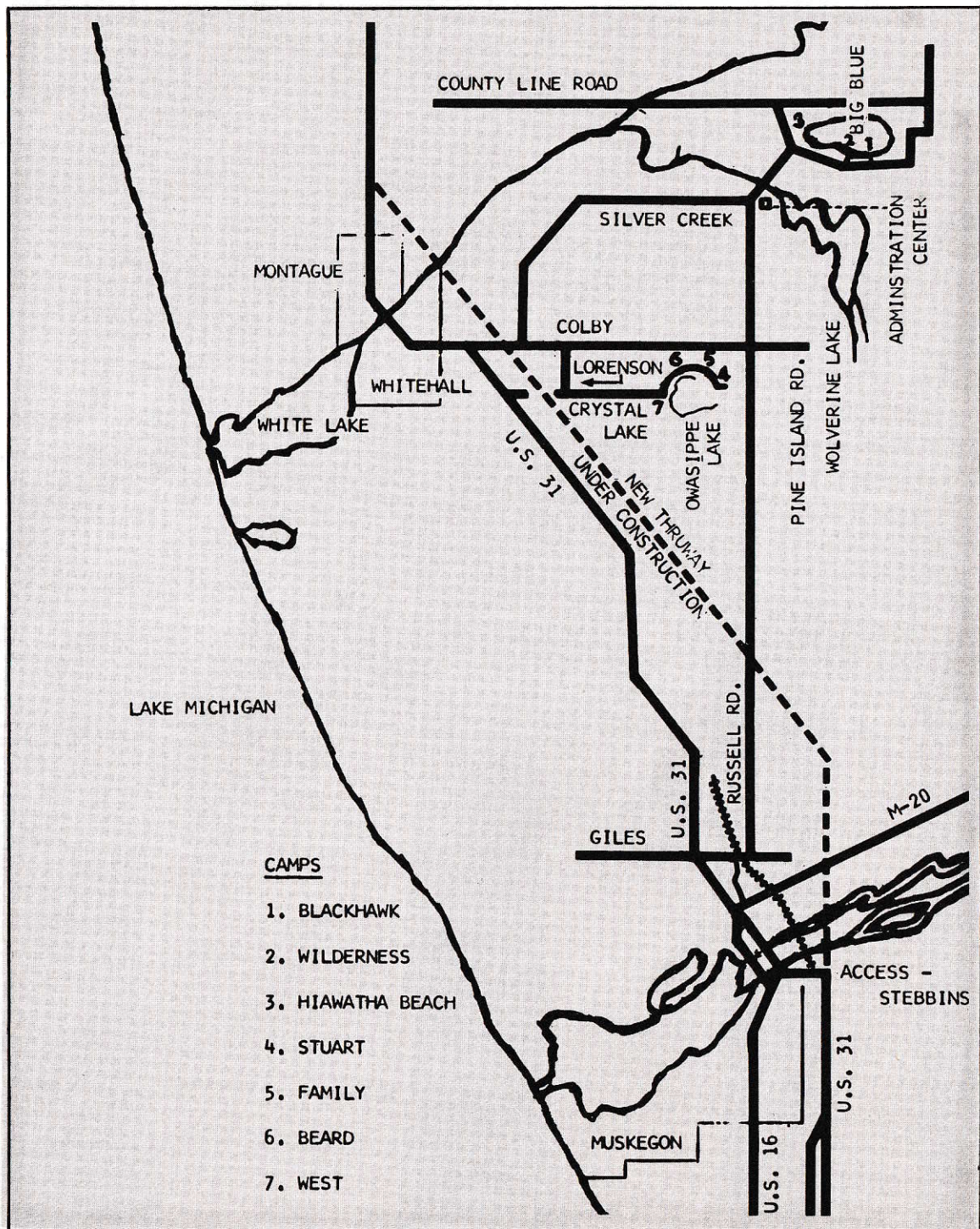
Many new roads are under construction on the way to Owasippe. At the present time the shortest route is US 94, beginning at New Buffalo, Michigan. Take this expressway to the Watervliet exit. Go north on M140 through Watervliet to US 31 at South Haven.

US 31 becomes an expressway at Holland. Follow this expressway to its end at Muskegon. The map shows the turn at Access Road, across the island to the junction of US 31 and M20. For Camps Blackhawk, Wilderness, Hiawatha Beach and Administration Center, take Russell Road. Russel Road ends at M20 about 1/4 mile northeast of the 31-104 junction (first left road). You can also reach Russell Road by taking US 31 north about 1/2 mile to Giles Road. Turn right and go another 1/2 mile where Russell Road joins Giles and crosses the railroad track. Russell is just beyond the railroad. Turn left and drive about 14 miles. You will pass Administration Center first. Signs are erected to guide you from there.

For Camps Beard, Stuart and West and Family Camp, follow US 31 about 15 miles from the junction to Colby Road. Colby is off to the right, at the bend in US 31 just before the city limits of Whitehall.

Follow Colby east, past Silver Creek turnoff, to Lorensen Road (about 1/3 mile).

Turn right (south) on Lorensen to Crystal Lake Road, then left on Crystal Lake Road. (The new expressway has cut off Crystal Lake Road from US 31.)





**Parents:** *Keep This At Home For Your Information.*

**CAMP PERIODS** are as follows:

1. June 29 - July 6    5. July 27 - August 3
2. July 6 - July 13    6. August 3 - August 10
3. July 13 - July 20    7. August 10 - August 17
4. July 20 - July 27    8. August 17 - August 24

### REFUNDS

All camp fee payments and refunds are handled through your Scout unit only. The final settlement of all camp fees, or refunds due, is made with the unit leader at the completion of the period the unit attends camp. Refund checks are issued in the name of the unit and/or its leader, and not to individual Scouts.

*Scout campers will not be permitted to have autos in camp!*

### HITCH-HIKING

Parents are advised that hitch-hiking is looked upon with disfavor by the Scout movement. We reserve the right not to accept any Scout who uses this means of travel.

### LUNCHES

All campers are to *bring their own lunch* for the trip to camp. Each camper will be furnished with a lunch for the return trip to Chicago, Illinois.

### VISITORS

Arrangements for visiting camps are made with the Scoutmaster of your own troop. Parents must arrange for their own sleeping and eating facilities as this service is not available in camp.

### FIREARMS, PETS AND AUTOMOBILES

The possession of firearms or animal pets is strictly prohibited and applies to Scout campers and leaders. Automobiles may be brought by leaders only.

### DRIVING TO CAMP

See map and instructions.

### TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAMS

Telephone service is available to the Owasippe Administration Center only. Scouts should be called to the phone only in the case of *extreme emergency*. When calling a Scout at camp: 616-TWin Oaks 3-2645. You must ask for the Scout or leader by name and unit number, and must give the name of the camp —(Beard, Stuart, Blackhawk, Wilderness, Hiawatha Beach, Bass Lake, Owasippe Lake Family Camp, or Blue Lake Family Camp). All calls should be person-to-person; allow one to three hours for the return call. Keep in mind the possibility that the person you are calling may be out of camp on a hike, or canoe trip, which would cause additional delay. Telegrams should be addressed with the same information required for a phone call, and sent in care of "The Owasippe Scout Reservation," Whitehall, Michigan, via Western Union.

### MAIL

We maintain our own post office; therefore, all mail addressed to Scouts in camp should bear the name of the Camp in which the Scout is staying, and should be addressed as follows:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Camp \_\_\_\_\_ (Beard, Stuart, Blackhawk, etc.)

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_

Owasippe Scout Reservation,  
Owasippe, Michigan

Via Twin Lake, Michigan

*Register or insure all letters and packages that contain currency or valuables.*

*Improperly addressed mail CANNOT BE DELIVERED!*



**final instructions for parents**



# final instructions for campers

## EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING:

### Essentials:

- \*2 Scout uniforms (shorts, shirt, socks, neckerchief, Scout belt)
- 3 Woolen blankets or equivalent (it gets cold at night—bring enough)
- 1 Mosquito tent, or netting
- 3 Extra shirts (for outdoor wear)
- \*1 Extra pair of shorts
- 1 Extra pair of long pants
- \*1 Knife, fork, spoon
- 4 Changes of underwear (minimum for out-of-camp trips)
- 2 Suits of pajamas \*Toilet soap & container
- \* Comb and brush \*Laundry soap
- \* Tooth paste and brush
- \* Washbasin—bring your own; health regulations will not permit our supplying them (Tin, enamel, or canvas)
- 1 Extra pair strong shoes (not tennis)
- 1 Swimming suit
- 6 to 8 pairs stockings
- 2 Towels \*Sewing kit \*Flashlight
- Pack sack for carrying possessions on hikes
- Canteen or other water carrier
- Laundry bag or container for soiled clothing
- Poncho, or raincoat 6 Handkerchiefs
- Writing material (pencil & paper)

### Desirable, if you have them

Ground cloth \*Scout Handbook Mirror  
Fishing tackle Bible or prayer book \*Compass Camera Rope—extra cord Musical instrument Pocket knife \*Scout mess-kit—(for hikes) Field glasses Sharpening stone  
*\*These articles can be purchased in the Camp Trading Post.*

Parents' note: The above items are complete for the average stay in camp and no additions need be made. Regulation Scout equipment and uniform is made to withstand vigorous outdoor usage. Baggage should consist of a duffle bag or pack sack. Blankets may be rolled separately and carried by a strap or similar means. In packing blankets, protect them with a waterproof covering, and tie securely. A paper wrapping is not adequate. *Do not use new or valued luggage.* Though every reasonable care will be exercised, damage may occur. *We cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged equipment.*

All articles of clothing and equipment should be plainly marked in indelible ink with the Scout's name, or you may use name tapes and sew them on. Burn or scratch the name on articles of metal and leather. It is wise to paste a list of contents on the inside of each carrying case.

## CAMP TRADING POST

A Trading Post is located in each of the large camps for the convenience and benefit of the campers. The stock will include candies, soda, refreshments, craft supplies, personal items, uniform and Scout equipment items and other necessities, all at reasonable prices.

## HEALTH EXAMINATION

Prior to coming to camp a Contagious Disease Examination (National Form #4126) is absolutely required.

Examination may be secured through the family physician or other available means. The examination is made to assure camp authorities that any Scout or leader suffering from or recently exposed to contagious disease is prevented from coming to camp.



### COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

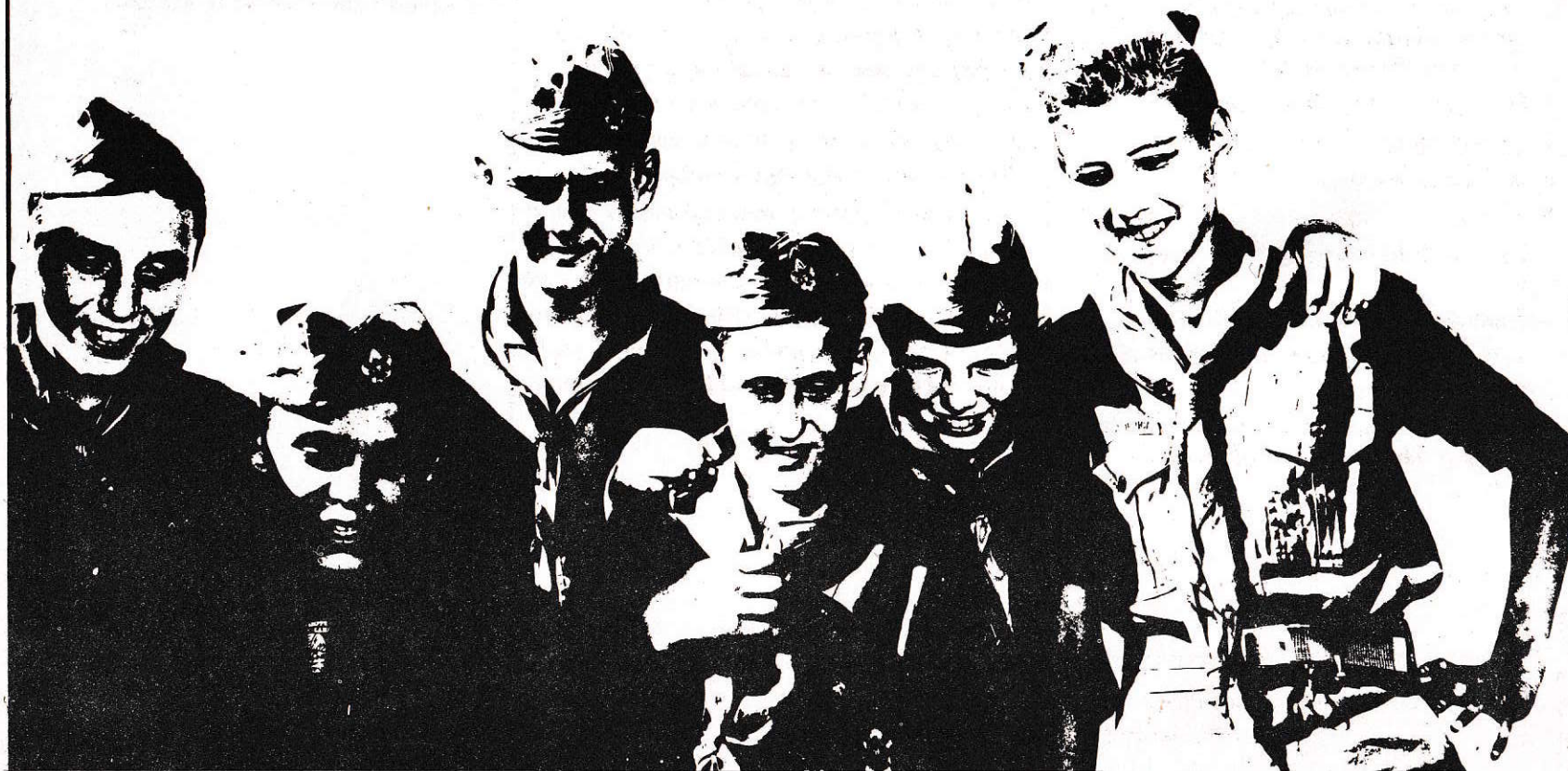
Every Scout is required to have a complete physical examination. This is intended to ascertain the physical condition of the camper in order to prevent him from participating in activities that might be harmful. The Scout leader will be guided by the doctor's recommendations, should any limitation of activity be advised. Do not be satisfied with anything less than a *thorough check-up*. Merely obtaining the doctor's signature will not protect your boy.

### SCOUT UNDER PHYSICIAN'S CARE

Any Scout who is under a doctor's care is required to notify the camp physician regarding his ailment, and should bring a written statement from his doctor concerning the course of treatment prescribed. Scouts **WILL NOT** be permitted to have medicine, pills, etc., in their possession. Any Scout coming to camp with medicine must turn it over to the camp physician who will see that it is taken in accordance with instructions. All medicines so required must be furnished by the individual.

### OTHER MEDICAL NEEDS

If, in the judgment of the camp, it is advisable to send a boy to a hospital for diagnosis or treatment, the camp reserves the right to send him there. This precaution is taken as an additional measure for the protection and health of the campers. Whenever it is possible to do so, parents will be notified before such action is taken. Each camper purchases a Health and Accident Camper Insurance policy. The cost is included in the camp fee.





# family camp



The family camp for the Owasippe Scout Reservation is located on Owasippe Lake between Camp Beard and Camp Stuart. This camp is operated exclusively for the benefit of the troop leaders' families and a minimum of staff families who live in this area.

## **FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS**

Each family has the use of a screened tent, equipped with beds, mattresses, kerosene lantern, water pail and broom. Toilets are conveniently located. Hot water is available in the dining hall where all meals are served.

## **CENTRAL SHOWER**

Facilities are available, along with laundry equipment for washing clothes during specified hours.

## **CENTRAL WATERFRONT**

Is provided for family use. A special wading area is available for small children. The entire waterfront is always under the watchful eye of trained leadership during regular

swimming periods.

## **YOUR HOSTS**

A well-trained staff will be available to provide for your comfort, assure the safety of your children, provide opportunities for planned recreation, supervise the waterfront and assist your family in making the best use of the camp facility.

## **FAMILY PROVIDES**

Each family provides its own bedding (3 heavy wool blankets per person), sheets, pillow cases, pillows, towels, and personal gear. A heavy jacket is suggested for evening wear as nights are cool. Plan on informal dress at all times.

## **THE UNIT LEADER**

Is of course expected to remain with his unit. Arrangements can be made with your camp director for camp coverage of your unit when special occasions arise.







# What to do

Ask your camp commissioner to give you a camp staff member to help you with:

*Axemanship*

*Ropework*

*Firebuilding*

*Outdoor Cooking*

*Compass reading*

*Star hikes*

*Pioneering*

*Tent pitching*

*Horn and hoof*

*Backwoods Engineering*

*handicraft*

*Campfires*

*Nature*

*Singing*

See your watermaster for:

*Swimming*

*Canoeing*

*Boating*

How about fish for breakfast? For early morning or late evening fishing, see your watermaster.

Each section camp has an archery and mooskiet range.

Rigid rules of safety are observed at both ranges.



# Camping and hiking

We can walk city streets any time, but how often can we find the real beauties of Owasippeland? Our trails are through selected areas. The beauties and wonders of nature are all around us. Listen! Hear the trickle of the creek, and the slap of the beaver's tail? There — that hum'mm! Hear it? That's a bee tree. Quiet now, there's a doe and her fawn, and a bird's nest right in the bush alongside the trail. Can you see that on a hot, dusty, dangerous road? There are pumps on the trail, too. Cool, fresh and approved water. Don't go into a neighbor's yard and use their pump. If you must have water, send one Scout to ask permission. Let him fill canteens. After all, you don't want 20 boys in your house after water, do you?

A map of the Owasippe trail system is in the back of this guide. The map is accurately drawn, and shows the location of many points of interest—camping sites, pumps, etc.

The marked trails at Owasippe are designed to guide Scouts between points of interest. There are about 120 miles of trail consisting of painted spots on trees, posts, and stones. Many of the best camping facilities are not directly on the trails and require some compass reading to find. The rewards of finding some of these sites make it worthwhile to search for them.

Even the experienced trail hiker sometimes misses key points of interest, and we suggest you check the map included in this book. It is accurate! The colors used for certain trails were not chosen for any specific reason; the

same color is often used in several places where it would not result in confusion. Some trails tie two points together—some just wander, allowing units to go from here to there as the spirit moves them.

Using several trails may cut several miles from your hike.

If you use your imagination in planning a hike of several days' duration, you can get an experience that will never be forgotten. Fish for supper, swim along the trail, blueberry pancakes for breakfast, fresh raspberry pie, mint-flavored sassafras tea — all are available to all, just for stopping at the right spots.

You can hike to another camp where you can have your meals hotpacked in. You can even eat in the dining hall with proper arrangements. You can pick up your provisions for the next day, saving packing them over the trails. Your commissioner and camp director can arrange many things to help your unit achieve the adventure you dream up. Thousands of Scouts have the hiker border strip. Have you ever seen a flowing well? A disappearing creek? A quaking bog? A bayou? A marl bed? An eagle's nest? A beamer dam? Have you ever caught a brook trout? Picked wild strawberries? All of these are here at Owasippe. Over 10 thousand acres of Owasippe land, plus several thousand acres of Manistee National Forest are yours to use. There is almost no limit to the things to do and places to go. **PLAN NOW!**

## ON THE TRAIL

Probably no other Scout council offers the

possibilities of applying the Outing in Scouting. Many troops plan their program to include exploring the more than 120 miles of marked trails at Owasippe. Some troops spend an entire two weeks on the trail. Two and three overnights are not uncommon. How many of these trails do we own? Most of them, but we also use our neighbors' property and will be free to do so as long as we show ourselves to be Scouts and campers. Our dangers lie in trespassing, damaging property, discourtesy, not leaving a clean campsite or causing fire by not putting fires out — *Dead Out!* Use the Buddy System on the trail.

**NEVER** — camp within 100 feet of a trail or pump.

**NEVER** — wash yourself or your dishes within 100 feet of a pump.

Give way to cars on the road. Driving in sand is difficult.

**NEVER** — build a fire within 100 feet of a trail or pump. Your health and safety, your buddy's health and safety depend on good camping habits.

Remember then — a good camper

Stays on the trail

Pumps water with full, easy strokes

Washes away from pumps

Cuts fallen timber only

Burns all garbage and tin cans

Buries all tin cans deep after burning

Puts out all fires — *Dead Out*

*Leaves His Campsite Cleaner and Better Than He Found It.*







# watercraft

The use of watercraft at the Owasippe Scout Reservation will be based on swimming ability. All swimmers will be divided into three ability groups: nonswimmers, beginners, and swimmers. The tests for these classifications are as follows:

## **NONSWIMMERS:**

Those who cannot pass the "beginner's test."

## **BEGINNERS:**

Jump feet first into water over the head, come to surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply, and return to starting point.

## **SWIMMERS:**

Pass the "beginner's test," swim 100 yards using any stroke for 75 yards, swim 25 yards on the back, using any resting stroke rest by floating, or, if not buoyant, float with a minimum of motion for one minute.

## **CANOES:**

Swimmer for trips or recreational use. Under supervision of B.S.A. or A.R.C. instructor—beginners may use canoes in special areas only.

## **BOATS:**

Swimmer when alone in rowboat. A beginner may be in a rowboat if a qualified lifeguard, such as Lifesaving Merit Badge, Scout lifeguard or A.R.C. Lifesaver is present. Only one beginner may be in a rowboat. A beginner may be in a rowboat alone in special areas only during instruction periods. Nonswimmers may not be in boats without a senior A.R.C. Lifesaver or aquatic staff member.





The "Eight-Defense Plan" is a part of the National Policy and Procedures of the Boy Scouts of America. It is for the protection of the unit and its leadership, and is the plan under which all waterfront activity will take place at the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

## FIRST DEFENSE

### *Medical Examination and Recheck*

- All participants in swimming activities shall present a physical examination and health history. (Forms available at Camping Service.)
- Each participant should be rechecked by a camp or unit physical prior to his participation in swimming activities.

## SECOND DEFENSE

- A qualified watermaster should be in charge of swimming.

## THIRD DEFENSE

- The entire swimming area should be carefully inspected for drop-offs, holes, hidden

obstruction, dangerous currents and other hazards.

## FOURTH DEFENSE

- At least "one pair of eyes for each ten swimmers" shall be the ratio of lifeguards to swimmers.

## FIFTH DEFENSE

- A lookout shall be placed at a point where he can see all swimmers at all times. If possible, a lifeboat with one oarsman and one lifeguard shall be on duty at all times.

## SIXTH DEFENSE

- All swimmers should be divided into three groups: nonswimmers, beginners and swimmers. The tests for these classifications are as follows:

*Nonswimmers:* Those who cannot pass the beginner's test.

*Beginners:* Jump feet first into water over the head, come to surface, level off, swim

25 feet, turn sharply and return to starting point.

*Swimmers:* Pass the Beginner's Test, swim 100 yards using any stroke for 75 yards, swim 25 yards on the back, using any resting stroke rest by floating or, if not buoyant, float with a minimum of motion for one minute.

## SEVENTH DEFENSE

- The "Buddy System" should always be used. Every swimmer is paired with another in his own ability group. A check of all boys in the water, by buddies, must be made once every ten minutes. A systematic means of checking Scouts in and out of the water shall be used.

## EIGHTH DEFENSE

- Eighth Defense is intelligent discipline. Rules which Scouts understand will be obeyed. Discipline must be strict, but fair, with NO exceptions, and no favoritism.



# canoe trips

Because of the limited number of canoes, equipment and vehicles available, all unit trips are limited to the White River unless special advance arrangements are made.

## CANOE HANDLING

Every participant in a canoe trip must complete a canoe personal safety orientation conducted by the unit's leadership and the waterfront staff. This orientation will include:

Canoe Loading — Launching — Landing  
Basic Canoeing Strokes

## EQUIPMENT

Furnished by the camp for the use of your unit must be paid for when lost or damaged. Cost of replacement will be determined by the camp watermaster and the unit leader, and settlement made before the camping period ends.

## CANOE TRIP PROVISIONS

Units camping under plans where all meals are furnished in the dining hall or with hot packs, will be supplied with all meals on canoe trips. These meals will be in Trail Pac form, requiring a minimum of pack space and preparation time. A varied menu will be available for unit selection. All trail meals will be ordered through your commissioner. A minimum of 48 hours advance notice must be given.

When meals are requested for consumption on the trail, dining hall meals are not available to the same unit for that period of time. A limited amount of trail cooking equipment is available on request through your commissioner.

## CANOE TRIP QUALIFICATION

Canoe trips are limited to those meeting the "minimum waterfront standards" included in this manual. All trips must be under the leadership of a qualified adult. Your camp watermaster will help you mark out special problems in this area.

The trip starts at Cisco Rollway. A bus will take you to within 1/2 mile of the Rollway. Since you must hike through the woods, be sure your gear is properly packed for hiking. You will eat three meals on the river trip. You will be picked up the next day at Canoe Landing.

The cost of hauling you and your canoes is as follows:

4 Canoes—Maximum of 11 Boys . .	\$14.00
5 Canoes—Maximum of 14 Boys . .	17.50
6 Canoes—Maximum of 17 Boys . .	21.00





All advancement at camp is accomplished by the same methods that are standard in the Chicago Area Council.

Summer camp is the ideal place to put into practice the Scout skills learned throughout the year. Skills learned by doing are of more lasting benefit than those gained by looking at handbooks and merit badge pamphlets. Scout advancement tests can be, and should be, a big part of your camp program. Most of these can be handled in the course of regular patrol and troop activities and should be a natural result of a good Scouting program. Special help is available through your camp commissioner for training purposes (not examination) on advancement skills. *Be sure each Scout brings his own advancement card and handbook to camp.*

## MERIT BADGES

The merit badge program at camp is not meant to replace the in-town merit badge program, but to supplement it. To have a successful merit badge program, your Scouts must begin prior to attending camp. Contact your local merit badge counselor before attending camp. Have him outline what parts of the merit badge you should do at camp. Some badges are easily earned in a camping period, while some may take several months. Merit badge instruction should reasonably be in outdoor subjects.

Qualified camp counselors have been certified by the Council Advancement Committee as merit badge counselors in outdoor subjects. Your unit commissioner will help you and your Scouts schedule these counselors to fit your needs. The unit leader's signature on the merit badge application indicates that the Scout has reviewed the requirements and is qualified to begin work on the badge.

Merit badge instruction available at camp includes:

Archery	Forestry	Rowing
Astronomy	Geology	Soil & Water
Bird Study	Hiking	Conservation
Botany	Insect Life	Swimming
Camping	Lifesaving	Weather
Canoeing	Nature	Wildlife
Cooking	Pioneering	Management
Fishing	Reptile Study	Zoology



### 50-MILER AWARD

With all the marked trails, this one is easy, but must be done as a unit.

### THE OWASIPPE "O" AWARD

All campers are given a small book in which to record their achievements, the Owaspippe Honor Book.

All good campers completing the necessary requirements are given the border strip representing their achievement and the year at Owaspippe. Perhaps you have noticed neckerchiefs bearing the Owaspippe camp emblem, surrounded by a circle or "O" of border strips. The border strips represent achievement in hiking, campcraft, aquatics, and as a voyager.

### ORDER OF THE ARROW

A calling-out ceremony will be held in each camp every Saturday night during the opening campfire. Those candidates that will be in camp on the weekends of July 6-7, 20-21, August 3-4, and August 17-18 may elect to be inducted at camp.

The names of all candidates elected in the city by their units must be submitted by the local Order of the Arrow chapter and subcommittee to the Camping Service no later than June 15.





# the 1963 OWASIPPE adventure of Troop 982

# camp Blackhawk program for July 6-12

<b>saturday</b>	Take Bus from 69th + Keesler 7:30 AM Don't forget lunch	arrive in camp stay together!!! Hike down hill to dining hall	Health Check Take duffel to campsite Swim Test Dinner	Campfire
<b>sunday</b>	Church — Breakfast	Take sandwich lunch to Bass Lake - swim Pump at orienteering Return to camp	Dinner at Blackhawk line up "O" Book Merit Badge + advancement clothes	Boating + Canoeing Star hike We did not sleep last night so zzz
<b>monday</b>	Breakfast — Camp Project Swim instruction	Lunch Rest - Write home Boating instruction Swim	Buddy hikes until 4 PM — Supper	Arrange Pack for hike sing + story telling
<b>tuesday</b>	Breakfast Start hike to Owasippe Lake orange trail	Lunch at Marl Beach arrive at Engang swim	Dinner at Engang Lake Pitch Camp Swim	Campfire
<b>wednesday</b>	Swim Breakfast Break camp	Take yellow trail to Blue to Owasippe Lake Pitch Camp - 40 acres	Swim Pick up lunch at Stuart after lunch Mud hike	Buddy Hikes Dinner - Stuart Swim Sleep 40 acres
<b>thursday</b>	Breakfast at Brand Take Red Trail (pick up trail pack)	Lunch at Headwaters Check pace at Compass Course	Supper at Owasippe Grove Hike to Hi Beach	Pitch Camp north of Hi Beach
<b>friday</b>	Swim Breakfast Break Camp	Back to Blackhawk Swim instruction Boat instruction lunch	Rest - Write home Swim Camp Project Advancement	Boating canoeing instruction for Monday's canoe trip



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